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1. Severe measures are being taken to acquire the animals owned by individual peasants. Every possible pretext, as for instance tax arrears, is used to seize the property of these peasants.
2. A confidential order issued to county headquarters officials responsible for distraining peasants' goods, states that animals must be seized first, and removed at once. The order also states that this measure is necessary in order to fulfill delivery obligations towards the USSR. The animals taken in the Keoskemét area are immediately put into freight cars and sent off to the Soviet Union.
3. This is also the only means whereby peasants can be forced to join the cooperatives, as they are refusing to do so, so long as they own a single animal. This means, however, that those who do join are either poverty-stricken or have only a little land to offer. For example, a cooperative was recently formed near Kiskunfelegyháza, with 310 yokes and only two horses - no other animals. This is typical of many, and they are causing many headaches and much paper work for the local County Councils, since the State has to lend them seeds, cows, tools and machinery, and building material.

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